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THE REFERENCES

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THE BACKGROUND 1

Adapted from Tafsir Ibn Ashur

Themes and purpose:

This Madinan surah contains the divine promise of complete victory for the Muslim ummah and the consequent massive entry of people into Islam. Its purpose is to prepare the Prophet (□) for his imminent death, commanding him to dedicate his final days to glorification, praise, and seeking forgiveness from Allah as a final act of devotion.

Context of Revelation:

- Era: Madinan by consensus.
- Context: The surah was revealed after the Conquest of Makkah (or it foreshadowed that victory) and the subsequent mass conversions, confirming the promise and subtly indicating the approaching end of the Prophet's life.
- Chronology: Its exact time of revelation is debated, with views placing it after Khaybar (Year 7 AH), after Ḥunayn (Year 8 AH), and during the Farewell Pilgrimage (Year 10 AH). The view that it is the last surah revealed in the Quran (per Ibn ʿAbbās) is very strong.

Name

The surah is known as "Sūrat al-Naṣr" (The Help/Victory) or by the whole of its opening ayah. It has also been called "Sūrat al-Fatḥ" (The Conquest), more famously the name of Q 48. Another name is "Sūrat al-Tawdīʿ" (The Farewell), because its content alluded to the Prophet’s (ﷺ) imminent passing.

Surah Overview:

- Announcing the imminent arrival of complete divine help and the Conquest of Makkah. [1]
- Giving the glad tidings that the consequence of this victory will be the mass entry of people into Islam. [2]
- Commanding the Prophet (□) to turn to glorifying Allah, praising Him, and seeking forgiveness as a sign of his gratitude and proximity to his Lord. [3]

THE AYAT IN DETAILS 2

إِذَا جَآءَ نَصْرُ ٱللَّهِ وَٱلْفَتْحُ ۝١

When Allah’s ultimate help comes and the victory over Mecca is achieved,

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يَدۡخُلُونَ فِي دِينِ ٱللَّهِ أَفۡوَاجٗا ۝٢ فَسَبِّحۡ بِحَمۡدِ رَبِّكَ

and you O Prophet see the people embracing Allah’s Way in crowds,

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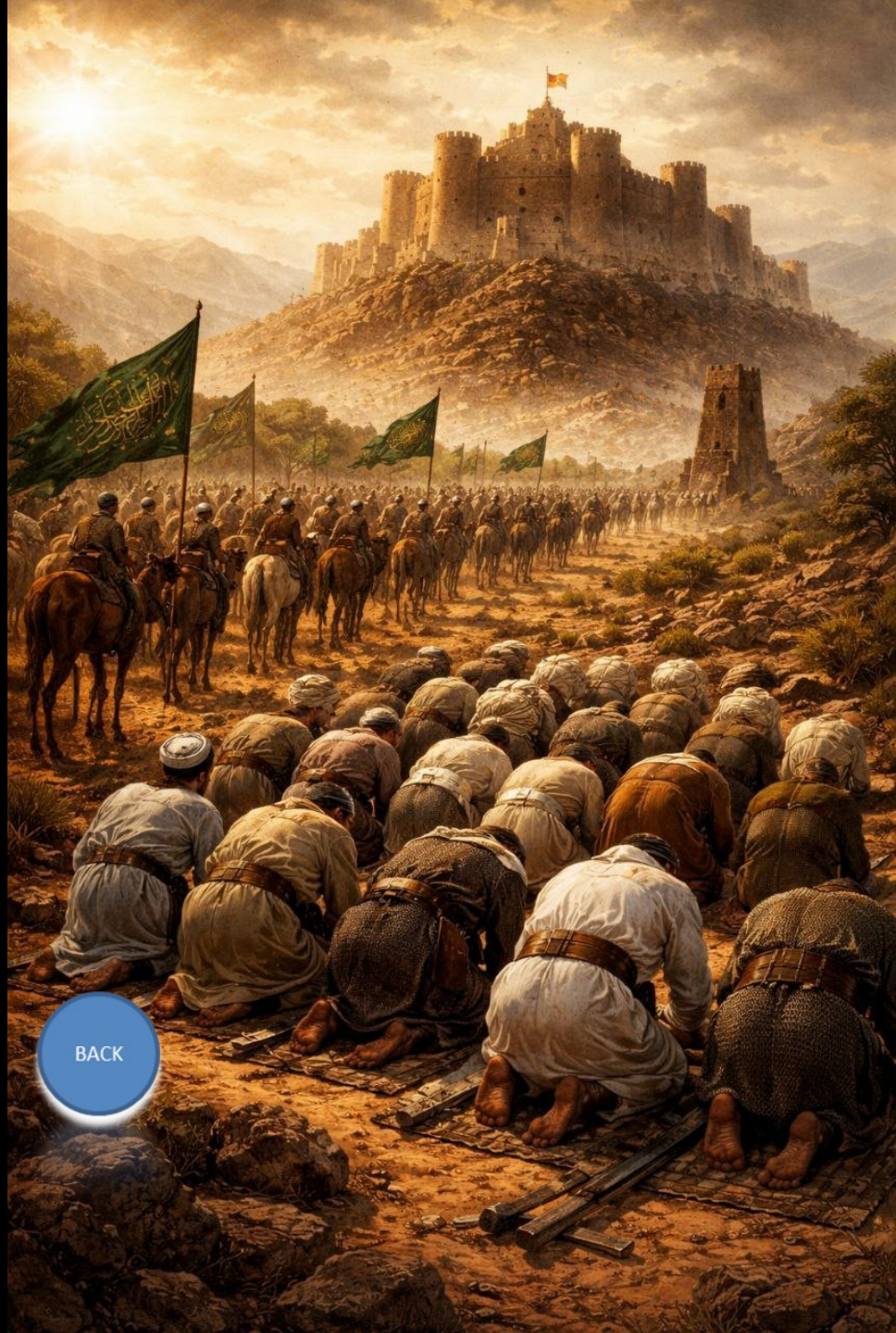
وَٱسۡتَغۡفِرۡهُۚ إِنَّهُۥ كَانَ تَوَّابَۢا ۝٣

then glorify the praises of your Lord and seek His forgiveness, for certainly He is ever Accepting of Repentance.



EXCERCISES
BACK

1. Remembering (Recall)

1) How many verses are there in Surah An-Nasr?
2) What is the meaning of the word "An-Nasr"?
3) What two blessings does Allah mention in the first verse?

1. Remembering (Recall)

4) What does Allah say people will do after the victory?
5) What are the three commands Allah gives to the Prophet in the last verse?
6) Which name of Allah concludes the surah?
7) What does the word "Afwājā" (أفواجًا) mean?

2. Understanding (Comprehension)

1) Why was the conquest of Makkah considered a great victory?
2) Why did people enter Islam in large groups after this victory?
3) Why did Allah command the Prophet to glorify and seek His forgiveness after victory instead of celebrating proudly?

2. Understanding (Comprehension)

4) What does this surah teach us about humility?
5) Why is seeking forgiveness appropriate even after achieving success?
6) What does Allah's name "At-Tawwāb" teach us?
7) How does this surah show that all success comes from Allah?

3. Applying

1) How should a Muslim react after succeeding in an exam or competition according to this surah?
2) What phrases can you say to glorify Allah after receiving a blessing?
3) How can you practice humility when people praise your achievements?

3. Applying

4) What can you learn from this surah about thanking Allah every day?
5) How can this surah help you avoid arrogance?
6) What should you do after accomplishing an important goal?

4. Analyzing

1) Why do you think Allah paired victory with worship rather than celebration?
2) What is the relationship between victory, gratitude, and forgiveness in this surah?
3) How did the conquest of Makkah change the spread of Islam?

4. Analyzing

4) Why were people hesitant to enter Islam before the conquest, but entered in crowds afterward?

5) Compare the attitude encouraged in this surah with how many people react after becoming successful.

6) How does each verse build upon the one before it?

5. Evaluating

1) Why is humility a better response to success than pride?
2) Do you think people today always remember Allah after achieving success? Why or why not?
3) Which lesson from this surah do you think is most important for Muslims today? Explain.

5. Evaluating

4) Why is remembering Allah during times of success just as important as remembering Him during hardship?
5) How does this surah correct the idea that success is achieved only through personal effort?
6) In your opinion, why is gratitude one of the greatest ways to preserve blessings?

6. Creating (Higher-Order Thinking)

1) Write three practical actions you can take after achieving success based on this surah.
2) Create a mind map showing the sequence of events in the surah.
3) Write a short reflection explaining how Surah An-Nasr can change a person's attitude toward success.

6. Creating (Higher-Order Thinking)

4) Design a poster illustrating the main message of the surah without using people.

5) Write a short speech encouraging your classmates to remember Allah after achieving success, using lessons from Surah An-Nasr.

6) Imagine you witnessed the conquest of Makkah. Write a diary entry describing how the events of this surah would have felt and what lessons you would have learned.

Higher-Order Critical Thinking Questions

1) Why do you think Allah informed the Prophet of future events before they happened?
2) Some scholars explain that this surah also indicated that the Prophet's mission was nearly complete.
3) What evidence in the surah supports this understanding?
4) How does this surah demonstrate that true victory is not merely defeating an enemy but bringing people to guidance?

Higher-Order Critical Thinking Questions

4) If Muslims followed the teachings of this surah after every achievement, how would their character and society be different?

5) Why do you think Allah chose glorification, praise, and seeking forgiveness as the final guidance after the completion of the Prophet's mission?

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